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SUBJECT:JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON SECRETARY

1. AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA CALLED ON SECRETARY JULY 8 FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR'S RETURN TO TOKYO FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING AND CONSULTATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER MIKI.
2. YASUKAWA NOTED THAT SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO JAPAN SOCIETY HAD COVERED WHOLE RANGE OF US POLICY TOWARD JAPAN AND ASIA, BUT ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SPECIAL ASPECT WHICH SECRETARY WOULD LIKE HIM TO EMPHASIZE. SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT SPEECH WAS CAREFUL DELINEATION OF US POLICY AIMS. OUR PROBLEM NOW WAS HOW TO IMPLEMENT THESE GOALS. YASUKAWA AGREED AND SAID THIS COULD BE A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION DURING MIKI VISIT.

3. REFERRING TO UPCOMING VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY ASKED YASUKAWA WHETHER IT WOULD CAUSE GREAT INCONVENIENCE FOR JAPANESE, IF WE WERE TO ASK THAT DATES BE SLIGHTLY CHANGED. HE EXPLAINED THAT DATES FOR UPCOMING

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EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE KEEP SHIFTING AND THAT IT

WOULD GIVE US A GREAT DEAL MORE FLEXIBILITY IF WE COULD
SET DATES FOR MIKI'S MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR

AUGUST 7-8 REPEAT 7-8, RATHER THAN AUGUST 5-6 REPEAT 5-6.
YASUKAWA SAID OF COURSE HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT TOKYO.
SECRETARY ASKED THAT HE EXPLORE SUBJECT WITH HIS GOVERN-
MENT ON INFORMAL BASIS AND REPORT REACTION. WE WOULD
NOT WANT TO CAUSE GREAT INCONVENIENCE, BUT IF PRIME
MINISTER COULD REARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE TO CARRY OUT HIS
ENGAGEMENTS IN NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES BEFORE MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT IT COULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO US. YASUKAWA
AGREED REPORT BACK AS SOON AS HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM
GOJ. (EMBASSY SHOULD NOT PURSUE THIS DIRECTLY UNLESS
GAIMUSHO RAISES IT; BUT RATHER LEAVE IT TO YASUKAWA TO
SECURE REPLY.)

4. YASUKAWA ASKED SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON CURRENT INDOCHINA
SITUATION, NOTING THAT SOUTH VIETNAM HAD REQUESTED WITH-
DRAWAL OF FORMER JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AND HAD NOT YET
INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT REPLACEMENT. SECRETARY
REPLIED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION SOUTH VIETNAM WAS ONLY
WILLING ACCEPT CHARGES D'AFFAIRES FOR PRESENT AT LEAST.
HE SAID IT WAS HIS GUESS HANOI WISHED ASSERT ITS SUPREMACY
GRADUALLY--PERHAPS OVER A YEAR'S TIME--BUT THAT HANOI
WOULD NOT WANT A SEPARATE SOUTH VIETNAM INDEFINITELY.
YASUKAWA EXPLAINED CURRENT STATUS OF JAPAN'S NEGOTIATIONS
WITH HANOI.

5. YASUKAWA SUGGESTED THAT SECRETARY SEEK MIKI'S VIEWS
REGARDING JAPAN-KOREA RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF
MIKI'S RECENT STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT HE CONSIDERED
SECURITY IN KOREA DIRECTLY RELATED TO SECURITY OF JAPAN.
HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO HAVE MIKI
REAFFIRM THIS IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT. KISSINGER

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